

IV. REMARKS

1. Claims 15, 26 and 46 are amended.

Claims 15-65 remain in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 26 and 46 are patentable over Schilling (U.S. Patent No. 5,359,182 in view of Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 5,465,401).

Schilling and Thompson fail to disclose the features "a controller configured to operate in a normal mode and in an application mode, wherein the controller is configured to be controlled by an application program in a second mode of operation", "at least one storage device, the at least one storage device storing identification information, wherein the identification information identifies a user of the mobile radio communication unit, and at least one application program configured to execute in a first mode of operation or a second mode of operation" and "an interface coupled to the controller, the interface being for mechanically and electrically coupling to the at least one storage device, the at least one storage device being attachable to the interface, wherein while the interface is mechanically and electrically coupled to the at least one storage device, the controller is electrically coupled to the at least one storage device, and the application program is adapted to control said controller via the interface while executing in the second mode of operation", which are recited in the amended claims 15, 26 and 46.

Schilling discloses a wireless communication system based on debit cards. In the system, mobile terminals are equipped with slots to which debit cards are inserted. The slots comprise card reading and writing apparatus. In the communication system a

mobile terminal sends an end station in the network information on the remaining balance on the debit card. The end station corresponds to a network exchange. Thereupon, the end station associates the debit card with the mobile terminal number. The balance on the debit card is allocated for the use of the mobile terminal. In response to a call the end station sends a second signal on the basis of which the balance on the debit card is updated. Schilling fails to disclose that there are application programs adapted to send messages to another application via the interface between the debit card and the mobile terminal.

Thompson discloses a communication system, in which multipurpose personal communication devices. The personal communication devices may be fixed terminals or mobile terminals. The devices comprise a main body, which further comprises a display, a keyboard, connectors and a loudspeaker. The devices also comprise a lid, which may house a number of application modules. The application modules are connected to the devices main bus. An application module may comprise a processor, memory, power source and a transceiver. An application module provides the software and the hardware required for a new functionality such as infrared communication.

Thompson discloses that an application module is comprised in a terminal device, but fails to disclose that an application module controls the application in the terminal device via the interface. Instead, Thompson discloses a solution, wherein a supplementary application is implemented by means of application module so that the controller in the terminal device controls the application module.

In order to be able for a first application to control a second application executing in the MCU via the interface, the MCU must

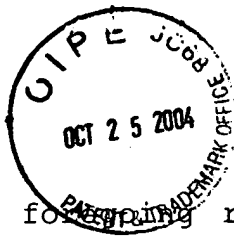
be in an application mode. In the application mode the first application uses the MCU to execute a variety of functions, which are used in the providing of the services implemented by the first application. The functions may be related to, for example, information collection via the user interface and the sending of messages. In practice this means that the first application takes control of the controller, in which case it is not a question of adding new functionalities to the terminal device, but using the terminal device under the control of an application housed in a storage device.

Additionally, Thompson fails to disclose that the applications on the storage unit are configured to execute in a first mode of operation or a second mode of operation and that the applications are allowed to control the controller while in the second mode of operation.

Due to all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 26, 41 and 46 are patentable over Schilling in view of Thompson.

Claims 16-25, 27-40, 42-45 and 47-65 depend on claims 15, 26, 41, and 46 respectively, either directly or via intervening claims, and are therefore also patentable over Schilling in view of Thompson.

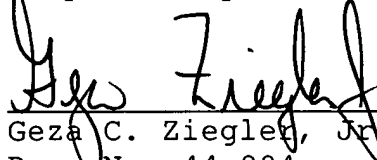
Due to all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.



For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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